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PRETORIA HAS SURRENDERED.

The South African War is Practically at an End—The British Forces Won.

OOM PAUL FLEES FOR A SAFE PLACE.

The Transvaal Capitol Thoroughly Demoralized and People are Rushing Madly to the Coast—Two Republics Wiped Out.

Advices have been received in London that Pretoria has surrendered and the belief is that the war is at an end. It is surmised that Oom Paul is making for a Portuguese port where he can take ship to some safe haven. Advices from Johannesburg state that the officers there are dictating terms of surrender. Passengers arriving from Pretoria say the city is utterly demoralized and that people are madly rushing to the coast.

A New Schedule.

The E. P. & N. E. will complete the Cloudercroft road to Cox's canon this week. The E. P. & N. E. are considering the feasibility of putting on a train to leave El Paso at 1:30 p. m. on Saturdays instead of the present morning train, but will need the co-operation of El Paso business men in the proposition. As the schedule now is, a business man who wants to put in the Sunday at Cloudercroft, must take a Saturday morning train, and thus lose one whole day from his business. With the Saturday afternoon arrangement he will have ample time to attend to his business before starting on his pleasure trip. He will arrive in Cloudercroft at 6:30 p. m.—Herald.

A Good Mine.

Harry S. Church represents a mining superintendent at Otero county. He is being considered as a probable candidate for the legislature from the legislative district of Grant, Dona Ana and Otero counties, on the 11th of June. Mr. Church is a native of New Mexico.

BOUND OVER.

A San Antonio Man Arrested for Practicing Medicine Without a License.

P. H. Moffitt, of San Antonio, Texas, was arrested Saturday and taken before Judge A. C. Good to answer to the charge of practicing medicine without license. Moffitt retained Attorney C. E. Smith and obtained a continuance until Monday, when Judge Good bound him over to await the action of the next grand jury, and fixed bond at \$200 which the defendant furnished.

NOT THE MAN.

Hobson Declares That a Mistake Has Been Made.

John Hobson, who has been employed by the business men of the city for some time as a night watchman, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of cattle stealing several years ago in Texas. It appears that the party was indicted by the grand jury at the place where the crime was committed but was never arrested and Hobson maintains he is not the man wanted. He has given bail pending the arrival of the sheriff of Hood county, Texas, who wired the officials that he will be here Saturday.

CAME TO ALAMOGORDO.

Apache Boys and Girls Take Their First Ride on a Railway Train.

On Wednesday about 150 Indian boys and girls from the Indian school at the Mesquero agency were brought into Alamogordo in two extra coaches attached to the regular train from the north, and, after spending the time between trains looking around the city, returned. The occasion was the first time the children had ever been on a train and the expressions of wonderment to be heard were many. Agent W. McD. Lutterell, assisted by several of the teachers of the school, was in charge of the party.

Hotel Arrivals.

The following hotel arrivals for the week ending Thursday, May 31: HOTEL ALAMOGORDO: P. McGarry, R. J. Owen, El Paso; S. S. Hopper, Geo. Laws, Denver; W. S. Baker, Tularosa; W. A. Stevenson, F. W. Lynch, C. Roberts, Tabor; C. D. Brooks, H. L. Garby, Denver; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Springer, Texas; L. C. Malone, El Paso.

MONDAY'S SCHOOL ELECTION

Personnel of the Republican Nominees For Directors of District No. 1.

A VERY HEAVY VOTE WILL BE POLLED

As Party Lines Have Been Drawn, the Two Great Political Factions Will Try Their Relative Strength.

The school election Monday will be the most warmly contested election ever fought in this section, and is especially interesting because it is being engineered on party lines and will be the first wrestle of the two great political parties in Otero county.

The Republican County Central committee has persistently endeavored to prevent the drawing of party lines in this matter and *The News* has stood with the committee, but the Republican club is in favor of the plan adopted and proposes to carry it through without the aid of Central committee. It is asserted by the members that the best way to get good school directors is for both parties to put up their best men and then let the public select.

On the Republican ticket are: R. H. PIERCE, R. L. STEWART, J. L. O'SHEA.

It is useless to say much about the gentlemen in the paper, for they are so well known, and so generally respected and liked, that long personal puffs would be a waste of words.

Mr. Pierce is an old timer in southern New Mexico. He has always been fair and square in his dealings with everyone, and has been one of the principal movers in the upbuilding of Otero county. Though a Democrat in politics, he was selected by the Republicans to head their ticket and will receive the almost unanimous vote of both parties. He is a politician and would not permit himself to be used except for the reason that he has the best interests of Alamogordo at heart and desires to see the schools placed on the basis that the town warrants. He is one of the largest tax payers in the county.

R. L. Stewart, the master mechanic of the railway shops, is a college man and one of the best qualified persons in the community for the position of school director. Though a new comer here, to know him is to admire him. He is decidedly interested in educational matters and will do his utmost to further the cause of good schools.

John L. O'Shea, conductor on the A. & S. M. railway, was one of the first comers to Alamogordo after the railway was placed in operation. He was a familiar figure around the Hotel Alamogordo last year and is one of the most popular men in the community with the business men as well as the laboring men. He has shown his faith in Alamogordo by building a fine residence and becoming a permanent tax payer. As a school director he will work faithfully for the best interests of the community and will do much toward bringing the standard of the schools up to that of other cities of a like size.

There is no doubt but what Alamogordo is some Democratic and this election will demonstrate the comparative local strength of both parties. Last year there were only 80 votes cast at the school election, and the People's ticket secured a two to one majority. The fight was made out right on Nymeyer's "anti-company" and Sutherland's "company" (?) ticket. By good fortune, there is nothing of the kind used this year as campaign thunder. The tickets are named the Republican and Democratic tickets, and the companies are not considered responsible for either of them. In any sense. The names which the tickets sailed under last year were "Citizens" and "People's."

The vote on Monday will be about 250 and the Republican nominees will win by a small majority. Mr. Pierce will run some ahead of the other two, and he will draw considerable strength from the Democratic party, as well as receiving the solid Republican support.

Messrs. Jackson, Tower and Gillette, the Democratic nominees, are all good men, and it is regretted that they are to oppose such good men as are found on the Republican ticket. *The News* does not propose to abuse the Democratic nominees; nor to say one word detrimental to them. It is to be hoped that the election will not cause any ill feeling, for unity engendered in such matters is liable to come up in business afterward and affect some matter of importance to the whole town. Mr. Jackson who will unquestionably run ahead of the Democratic ticket, has been identified with every progressive movement since the town started, and it is deplored that he is not on the Republican ticket instead of the Democratic.

The celebrated Washburn mandolins, banjos and guitars at Rhombert's, P. O. block.

EXTRAORDINARY YIELD

Promised This Year For Sacramento Mountain Crops—Fruit Plentiful.

Mr. G. G. Wofford, the popular Sacramento mountain dairyman of Fresno, was in Alamogordo during last week attending to some business matters.

Speaking of things in general in and around Fresno, Mr. Wofford said to a representative of *The News*: "We have been having plenty of fine showers in our locality recently and consequently the prospect for a general good crop is very bright. Potatoes and other vegetables promise an extraordinary yield this season and notwithstanding the late frost we had, which damaged peaches somewhat, fruit will also be plentiful, particularly apples of which there will be a great quantity. Stock in the neighborhood is also looking fine."

Mr. Wofford has recently taken Mr. Parrott, of Fresno into partnership with him and they will hereafter conduct the business of the Sacramento Mountain Dairy under the firm name of Wofford and Parrott.

TERRITORIAL TOPICS.

Carlsbad is to have a telephone system.

Roswell town trustees have fixed the annual tax levy at 9 1/2 mills.

Over 6,000 head of cattle have been shipped from Silver City during this month.

An effort is being made to establish a company of the National Guard at Roswell.

Roswell is to have a new hotel, and it is hoped to have it in the course of construction in a short time.

A movement has been started at Albuquerque to make the fire department of that place in part a paid one.

Since the beginning of 1899 the indebtedness of Grant county has been reduced from \$253,000 to \$235,000.

Rulz, the murderer, will be hanged at the Bernadillo county jail in Old Albuquerque, Friday morning, June 1.

The board of education of Roswell is receiving plans and specifications for a \$25,000 school house to be erected there.

The total assessed valuation of taxable property of East Las Vegas is \$1,125,172. This is \$48,000 more than in 1898.

Application has been made to the postoffice department for the establishment of a postoffice at Cybar, Dona Ana county.

Thomas Matthews, an Albuquerque bartender, has fallen heir to \$40,000 by the death of a relative in Green county, Kentucky.

Eighty-six Mexicans left Las Vegas one day last week for Rocky Ford, Colorado, where they will work in the sugar beet fields.

Deming is to have new secret order, the Dramatic Order Knights of Kloran, the first one of its kind to be organized in New Mexico.

Extradition papers have been made out by the governor for James Brooks and W. D. Johnson who are in custody in Sonora, Mexico.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives to open the Navajo Indian reservation in New Mexico for mining purposes.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives to confirm the title to certain lands to the Indians of the pueblo of Zuni, in Valencia county.

The house public lands committee has reported favorably the bill to set aside part of the proceeds of the sales of public lands to aid mining schools in the public land states and territories.

The bondsmen of Carlos Gabaldon, the defaulting collector of San Miguel county, have made arrangements to pay \$7,500 into the county treasury in full settlement of the default.

It is expected that work on the Black Range railway from Magdalena, in Socorro county, to Chiricahua, in Sierra county, a distance of ninety miles, will be commenced in the near future.

Invitations have been issued for the commencement ball of the graduating class of the New Mexico School of Mines, which will take place Friday evening, June 1, at Garcia Opera House, Socorro.

James Kibbee, of Carlsbad, will on June 1, start the publication of the Carlsbad Morning Sun, a Democratic daily paper. This will increase the number of daily papers in New Mexico to five.

James Wilson Parker, father of Judge Parker, of Hillsboro, died at his home at Sturgis, Michigan. He was aged 73 years. Judge Parker was on his way to his father's bedside at the time the death occurred.

The Edison, experimental gold saving plant, which is being constructed at Dolores on the famous Ortiz mine grant, is nearing completion and the work of setting up the electrical appliances is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

A shortage in the accounts of Postmaster Raulo Provencio, of Socorro, was discovered last week by a postoffice inspector. He was arrested on a warrant charging embezzlement, but immediately gave bond for \$250 and was released.

The supreme court of New Mexico has affirmed the decision of the Colfax county district court sentencing William McGinnis, the train robber and murderer, to the penitentiary for life for participation in the murder of Officer W. D. Farr near Cimarron some months ago.

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THE ADVANTAGES OF WHITE OAKS.

The Road Will Pass Through the Heart of the Best Cattle Country in the Southwest—The Mining Resources.

Chief Engineer Sumner, of the El Paso and Northern, stayed over night here Sunday, and left Monday afternoon with a corps of men to make a backboard survey from here to Liberal, Kansas. He intends spending several weeks on the route from this place to the terminus of the Rock Island near Liberal, Kansas, and the result of his trip will determine the course of the survey for building of the Northeastern extension for a Rock Island connection. The survey will begin soon after Engineer Sumner and his men reach Liberal, Kansas.

This extension to Liberal will be one of the greatest revenue producers of any line of railway in New Mexico, and likely the greatest in the west. The road in the first place will pass directly through the very heart of the best cattle country in the southwest, which begins with the I-X ranges at Three Rivers, and on through the Carrizozo ranges at Carrizozo where thousands of head of graded cattle may be seen from the car windows grazing over millions of acres of nutritious grasses on either side of the road. When White Oaks is reached a belt is entered which has as yet, outside of a few well improved properties, been only partially prospected. Here are hills of gold and valleys of placer, mountains of iron and marble; hundreds of acres of very superior sandstone, red and white, which as may be seen in the Hewitt block is excellent in endurance and beauty. The coal deposit is extensive, being on three sides of the town of White Oaks. Besides these, are forests of timber in the adjacent mountains and water everywhere.

Beyond White Oaks 8 to 10 miles, is the Jicarilla mining district containing thousands of acres of placer grounds as well as many varieties of lead minerals. Iron and copper are abundant. Capital is going in the district to develop its resources. Farther northeast is the Galina district, which is one of the most promising gold, silver, copper and lead camps in New Mexico. Copper, lead and silver mines are now being worked there, and with a railroad it will be one of the busiest camps on the Northeastern route; as most if not all the ores are refractory and will require treatment by smelter. The district also has valuable timber lands which will be of great commercial profit when railroad transportation is at hand.

Beyond this district the road will enter the stock lands of the Pecos river, which will also be a valuable agricultural and horticultural district when the attention of capital is attracted to it, and it will or should be settled up by a class of energetic and industrious farmers similar to those in the vicinities of Roswell and Carlsbad in Chaves and Eddy counties. Crossing the Pecos country the road will continue through a fine grazing country to the Kansas line, a few miles beyond which it will connect at Liberal in Southern Kansas with the Rock Island railroad, making a through line of quick freight and passenger traffic between all adjacent points northeast and southwest.

This road will be fed by an immense scope of territory on either side, containing resources of almost every character, and will open up a new country from the southwestern to the northeastern boundary of the territory of New Mexico. The road will not only have an abundance of coal at Salado and White Oaks, but on both sides of the line for 50 miles beyond the White Oaks district. Coal can, besides the market in Southern United States and Mexico, be moved in great quantities to the country north of us.

The greatest mining activity known in the west since the palmy days at Leadville and the rush to Cripple Creek is now fairly on in the foregoing places as is also the case in the Nogal, Bonito and White mountain districts. Mining machinery of every character is coming into these districts following recent investments of capital. All kinds of business enterprises are steadily improving, and new and vigorous growth is noticed in every part of the White Oaks country.

—White Oaks Eagle.

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WHY WE LOST HIM.

Tularosa Man Thinks Too Much Water Too Much of a Good Thing.

"Well, sir," remarked a Tularosan to *The News* editor, "I have moved my trunk down to Alamogordo, and intend to stay for some time."

"The change will do you good," remarked the editor. (By the way, the editor has a weakness for blowing about Alamogordo, and it is shrewdly guessed that most of the spring wind storms have their source near his office.) "Alamogordo is unquestionably the best town in the west today, and it will continue to improve. Just look at those trees! In five years time they will be as large as any in Tularosa, and then we will all own horses and carriages and will skate up and down the avenue each afternoon and enjoy life like we did back in Illinois. The orchards and gardens which have been planned will forever settle the dust problem and velvety lawns and variegated flower gardens will line the spacious macadamized drives. (The editor was just beginning to warm up to the work.) Numerous mint patches have been planted and are rapidly spreading. In 1903 we will lol on our verandas and watch the electric cars whiz by loaded with human freight; on the lawn, underneath the spreading cottonwoods, our children will swing in hammocks or make wreaths of ivy from the vine-clad trellises, we will discuss the political situation over a bowl of mint julep and feel that God has indeed been good to us! Why, sir, Alamogordo will be classed as a Morocco bound, pocket edition of the garden of Eden! You have come here at an opportune time. You are indeed blessed with good luck!"

"Yes," he replied sadly. "I know that is possible. But how the dickens are you going to accomplish it in this hot country without water?"

"Water! Water! Why sir, wait awhile and see. Watch the stone clouds now darkening the eastern sky and hear them rumble and mutter over the heads of the rock-ribbed Sacramento! Soon they will disgorge a volume of water that will deluge this hot and blistered crust of earth for days at a time. Then vegetation will take on its greenest hue and Nature will shower its most bountiful blessings upon us. Water! There is no lack of water! Alamogordo is in the rain belt! I have even seen it rain so hard that it was impossible for a man to get down to the shack for a whole day at a time, sir!"

The strangers' face lengthened and put on a disgusted look, then he remarked: "That settles it. I move my trunk back to Tularosa today."

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THIRD ANNUAL EXCURSION.

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KNIGHTS OF LABOR HAVE A PROGRAM

Number of Prizes will Be Offered—A Band Will Accompany the Excursionists—Dancing and Other Attractions.

Sunday, June 17, is the date selected by the Knights of Labor for their third annual excursion. Tularosa, in the Sacramento, is the objective point. A program has been outlined and it will prove an attractive one. The train will leave the city at 7:30 a. m. arriving at Tularosa not later than 10:30. Not less than \$50 will be hung up in cash prizes for hold contests, the program of which will be announced as soon as completed. This feature will afford fun and pleasure for the crowd. A band will also accompany the excursionists and furnish music throughout the day. A good dancing platform and pavilion will be among the features. The enterprising citizens of Tularosa will do all in their power to make the excursionists happy.

Such, in brief, are the features of the excursion and the K. of L. promise that this will be the largest and most satisfactory excursion they have ever given. They are embarking the project on a larger scale than anything of the kind ever before undertaken in El Paso and the excursion will be made one continual round of pleasure from start to finish. There will be ample room on the coaches and the ride will be cool, quick and pleasant. Nothing more pleasant has been contemplated for the hot, sweltering days of June than an early rise in the morning, a basket well filled with lunch and an appetite such as is experienced only in the mountains among the timber and springs of the Sacramento. The very thought of it is enough to whet an appetite for a month. And after the arrival at Tularosa, the young man with his best girl, the grown-up folks with weightier cares of their children and the babies, all will find ample recreation. It is entertainment the Knights are going to afford and no one will have time to think of being tired until they return home, and that will be in good time for an ample night's sleep.—El Paso News.

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RESOURCES
Loans and discounts 26,835.70
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds 243.56
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc. 33,804.46
Banking house, furniture and fixtures 2,807.25
Cash and Exchange 119,055.54
LIABILITIES
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